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JOHN MCCALL / SOUTH FLORIDA SUN-SENTINEL A mother embraces her child, who was released from a lockdown after the shooting at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School in Parkland, Florida. The 19-year-old shooter was expelled from the school during the previous academic year.

17 killed at Fla. high school; suspect is former student

By Terry Spencer and Kelli Kennedy

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PARKLAND, Fla. - A former student opened fire with a semi-automatic rifle at a Florida high school Wednesday, killing at least 17 people and sending hundreds of students fleeing into the streets in the nation's deadliest school shooting since a gunman attacked an elementary school in Newtown, Connecticut.



ed at one of the state's largest schools, officials said.

Authorities offered no off a fire alarm to draw stu- say that he had been kicked dents out of classrooms out of Marjory Stoneman shortly before the day end- Douglas High School, tion," said Robert Run-

las Cruz, described a vola- day for us." sion.

Frantic parents rushed to the school to find SWAT team members and ambulances surrounding the huge campus. Live tele-The shooter, who was immediate details on the vision footage showed equipped with a gas mask 19-year-old suspect or any emergency workers who alarm "so the kids would and smoke grenades, set possible motive, except to appeared to be treating the come pouring out of the wounded on sidewalks.

"It is a horrific situa-

which has about 3,000 stu-cie, superintendent of the school district in Parkland, Students who knew the about an hour's drive north shooter, identified as Niko- of Miami. "It is a horrible

behavior had caused oth- en into custody without a ers to end friendships with fight about an hour later him, particularly after the in a neighborhood about a fight that led to his expul- mile away. He had multiple magazines of ammunition, authorities said.

"It's catastrophic. There really are no words," Broward County Sheriff Scott Israel told reporters.

The attacker used the fire classrooms into the hall,"

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TUSD looks at program shifts to up enrollment

Board dismisses idea of reviewing boundary lines

By Hank Stephenson

Tucson's largest school district continues to struggle with declining enrollment that has left several of its high schools well below capacity, Superintendent Gabriel Trujillo offered up a plan to shift students to underutilized schools.

A portion of the proposal sought to attract students to high schools like Santa Rita, Sabino, Palo Verde and Catalina by revamping the schools' career and technical education offerings and enhancing credit recovery options designed to keep students who fall behind from leaving the district for charter schools.

Trujillo also pitched idea of pushing students the possibility of (Vail Uniinto starkly underpopulated fied School District) taking schools by changing atten- of our facilities. We have a dance boundaries, which would simultaneously re-

lieve overcrowding at University and Rincon, which share a campus, and Tucson High.

But the Tucson Unified School District Governing Board on Tuesday rebuffed the latter part of Trujillo's plan, leaving him worried that the district will come up short by focusing only on attracting students into underenrolled campuses with new programs.

"In order to address this issue right now, it's almost kind of impossible to try to do it without some sort of boundary review," he said.

Trujillo described TUSD as a school system "in peril" and noted that the district will have to reinvent itself to survive.

"We know we are under attack on various fronts. With regards to declining enrollment, with regard to a look at our facilities and

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Olympics not just for young anymore

By Kristen Gelineau

THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

PYEONGCHANG, South Korea – For her 50th birth - miliar one among this year's day, Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard informed her husband that they would mark the occasion by hiking eight age-won wisdom for the hours a day along Italy's rugged Amalfi coast. "Seriously?" he replied.

Seriously. Also unsurprising. After all, one year later, Bernard would be- helping Olympians stay come the oldest Olympian competitive into middle competing at the Pyeong- age, defying the idea that chang Winter Games — an the Games are reserved for achievement that was not born of holidays spent

knocking back margaritas poolside. Bernard's story is a fa-

set of older Olympians, who credit consistency, better knowledge of nutrition and longevity of their careers. And longer careers may soon become the norm for elite athletes, with huge advances in sports medicine

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AARON FAVILA / THE ASSOCIATED PRESS At 51, Canadian curler Cheryl Bernard is the oldest athlete competing at the Pyeongchang Olympics. But plenty of other athletes at the Games are also defying Father Time.

Report: VA chief had public pay for wife to join him on trip

By Hope Yen

WASHINGTON - Veterans Affairs Secretary David Shulkin improperly accept-

ets and his staff lied that he was getting an award in order to justify his wife accompanying him at taxpayer expense on an 11-day European trip that

business **David Shulkin** and sightseeing, according to a blistering the latest in a series of congovernment investigation troversies involving expen-

released Wednesday. The 87-page report by the VA's internal watchdog said Shulkin should reimburse EPA chief says he flies first class the government more than

\$4,000 for his wife's airfare and accused his top aide of doctoring emails to falsely represent that Shulkin was being honored in Denmark. ed Wimbledon tennis tick- inventing a rationale for his

wife's free travel.

"The investigation revealed serious derelictions" by Shulkin and his staff, said the report, which cited 'poor judgment misconand/or

duct." The findings are

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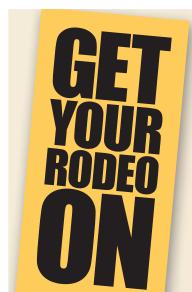


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